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- *KIRO TV Channel 7* in Seattle, Washington reports that handguns stored in luggage have been disappearing from major airports, which means that dangerous weapons might be loose in secure areas in direct proximity to passenger jets. A number of declared guns have gone missing before the bags arrive at their destinations. Security officials worry that those weapons might end up in the hands of terrorists. (See items [13](#))
- *Government Executive* reports that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has yet to develop a comprehensive plan for how companies would recover from cyberattacks that disrupt the Internet, according to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) auditor. Although the DHS developed a plan in 2006 for how businesses and the government could recover from such cyberattacks, there is no public-private plan for recovery. (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED,
Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *October 26, Bloomberg* – (National) **Oil rises to record above \$92 on increased U.S.-Iran tension.** Oil rose above \$92 a barrel for the first time in New York after the U.S. accused Iran's military of supporting terrorism and announced new sanctions on the country that holds the world's second-biggest oil reserves. The U.S. wants to prevent Iran

from continuing to develop its nuclear program that it believes will be used to create nuclear weapons. The Bush administration yesterday announced new sanctions against Iran that designate the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps as a proliferator of weapons of mass destruction and its Quds force as a supporter of terrorism.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=ajB.bsP.hSx8&refer=energy>

2. *October 25, Mass High Tech* – (Northeast) **GreatPoint to build gasification plant in Somerset.** A Cambridge coal gasification company today revealed plans to build a pilot-scale manufacturing plant and research and development center in Somerset, Massachusetts. The coal gasification plant will be located at Somerset's Dominion Generation's Brayton Point power station, considered the largest power generating facility in New England. The new facilities are expected to be used to demonstrate GreatPoint's technology as a cost-effective way to convert coal, petroleum byproducts and biomass into bluegas, GreatPoint Energy's natural gas product. Construction of the new plant is expected to take a year.

Source:

http://www.bizjournals.com/masshightech/stories/2007/10/22/daily43.html?ana=from_rss

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 26, The Cedar Rapids Gazette* – (Iowa) **Six injured in explosion at chemical plant.** Six people were injured early Friday in a fire at a pharmaceutical plant in Charles City, Iowa. The fire started in the early morning hours in the plant's drying department according to the vice president of operations and site director. One employee was taken to a local hospital and transferred to the burn unit at University Hospitals in Iowa City. The plant's automatic fire suppression system was activated and the Charles City fire department was notified and responded. The company contacted state emergency officials to inform them of the hazardous materials incident.
4. *October 25, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Arundel plant ordered to clean up hazardous waste.** The owner of a dormant Brooklyn Park, Maryland pharmaceutical plant, which was found to have exposed chemicals and 50,000 gallons of hazardous waste on its property, has been ordered to clean up the site by year's end or face federal fines of up to \$32,500 a day. The Environmental Protection Agency issued a directive this week requiring Consolidated Pharmaceuticals Inc. to remove a tank of harmful hydrochloric acid by the end of the month and a host of other toxic chemicals by December 31. Environmental regulators and Anne Arundel County officials say those pollutants pose a fire hazard and an imminent threat to public health.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/annearundel/bal-epa1025,0,7616090.story?track=rss>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *October 26, Deseret Morning News* – (Utah) **Utah nuclear plant to double up?**
Transition Power Development's nuclear power project is likely to include two reactors somewhere in Utah. Cost of the two units could reach billions of dollars, and its water would come from the Kane County Water Conservancy District.
Source: <http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,5143,695221909,00.html>
6. *October 26, The Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Regulators inspect Byron Nuclear Plant after leak last week.** Federal regulators are inspecting a nuclear power station near Rockford, Illinois operated by a unit of Exelon Corporation after a pipe leak was found last week. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission says it is conducting a special inspection at the Byron plant to review what caused pipe corrosion in a cooling water system and a subsequent leak in one pipe. The company shut down both reactors last Friday to repair the leak and inspect similar pipes. The pipes carry non-radioactive water from the plant where it is used to cool safety equipment, back to basins under fan-driven cooling towers.
Source: <http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/10817731.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *October 25, Business Wire* – (New Jersey) **Cipher announces phase one complete of first-ever mobile rapid response vehicles.** Cipher, as prime contractor and in conjunction with Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC), sponsored by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency through the National Technology Alliance, has been working on New Jersey's first-ever mobile rapid response vehicles, designed to address mass casualties in urban areas in times of terrorism or natural disasters. Cipher announced the completion of Phase I of this project, with three vehicles being released to HUMC on October 9, 2007. The first phase of this project consists of the development of three vehicles (a communications vehicle, a seven-bed intensive care unit, and a mobile lab designed to analyze biological threats), which are designed to interconnect to create a fully functional trauma suite. All are carried on flat-bed trucks rather than traditional tractor trailers, to allow for easier maneuvering in urban settings. Phase II highlights include the addition of a Mobile Surgical Suite and two support vehicles. Phase III highlights include the development of a Mobile Pharmacy and a Mobile Laboratory.
Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/071025/20071025006017.html?.v=1>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *October 26, The Boston Globe* – (New York) **Military supplier is charged with fraud.** A former CEO of DHB Industries Inc.--a leading supplier of body armor to the US military--was indicted yesterday in federal court on Long Island, on charges of insider trading, fraud, and tax evasion in a scheme that generated \$185 million. The former chief executive officer and the former chief operating officer are accused of falsely inflating the

value of the inventory of the company's top product to help meet profit margin projections. The charges also include failing to report more than \$10 million in bonus payments, to themselves and other employees, to the IRS, and using the company's funds for extravagant personal expenses. If convicted, the two former employees could face up to 70 years in prison.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/world/articles/2007/10/26/military_supplier_is_charged_with_fraud/

9. *October 25, The Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Gratiot warns about scam.** A new scam in mid-Michigan is targeting retirees, according to the Gratiot County Commission on Aging. Scammers claim to be agents of the Social Security Administration and ask to verify people's banking account information saying that the agency is in the process of mailing out new Medicare cards and/or prescription cards. According to the commission director, they already have the retirees' names, addresses and telephone numbers, but they say they need to verify the financial information to complete the process. The official urged people not to give out any information to any caller pretending to be from the Social Security Administration because their personal funds would soon be withdrawn without their knowledge.

Source: http://blog.mlive.com/saginawnews/2007/10/gratiot_warns_about_scam.html

10. *October 25, The Reno Gazette Journal* – (Nevada) **Police warn of possible phone scam.** Police officials from Reno, Nevada are warning residents of a possible phone scam. Reports have mentioned callers asking for donations for an unknown Nevada Police fundraiser. The phone number that has shown up on caller IDs is a Southern Nevada number of (702) 269-9600 and reads "POLICE P.F.", the Reno police said. The Las Vegas Metro Sheriff's Department is not aware of any such legitimate police fund raising effort, said the Reno police, who advised people not to donate to such solicitation attempts.

Source:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071025/NEWS18/71025055&oaso=news.rgj.com>

11. *October 25, Computerworld* – (National) **Visa rolls out new payment application security mandates.** Amid signs of growing frustration in the retail community over the credit card industry's Payment Card Industry (PCI) data security requirements, Visa on Tuesday quietly rolled out an additional set of Payment Application Security Mandates for all companies that handle credit and debit card transactions. Under the multiphase initiative, covered entities will have three years to ensure that all their payment applications are compliant with a set of security requirements mandated by Visa. The rules apply to any third-party payment software used by companies for storing, processing or transmitting cardholder data. The mandates will also "by proxy" force vendors of payment applications to finally start implementing security features that have been recommended by Visa and others for some time now, said one analyst. Visa's mandates have been expected for some time and are designed to address long-standing security weaknesses in the applications merchants use to conduct payment card transactions.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9044159&intsrc=hm_list

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Transportation Sector

12. *October 26, CBS News* – (National) **FBI warns again of shoe bomb danger.** According to a report obtained by *CBS News*, terrorists are still trying to employ “modified footwear as a concealment method for explosive devices.” The report followed last month’s incident in Europe when bomb detonators were discovered in the hollowed-out soles of a pair of shoes found aboard a bus. In spite of increased security at airports, security officials are still concerned that terrorists might smuggle unassembled parts of a bomb past checkpoints. Although there is no specific warning of impending attacks against America, the threat remains high and, according to the report, law enforcement should be sure “not to assume that routine objects, like shoes, are always what they appear to be.” Source: <http://wcbstv.com/topstories/fbi.shoe.bomb.2.413143.html>
13. *October 25, KIRO TV Channel 7, Seattle, Washington* – (National) **Missing handguns at airports alarm national security experts.** *KIRO* investigators discovered that handguns, stored in luggage, have been disappearing from major airports and that the weapons might be loose in secure areas with direct access to passenger jets. In one case, the passenger said his weapon went missing after he handed the locked weapon to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees for a special luggage inspection. Four months later, he received a phone call from a detective telling him that the gun had been used in a gang shooting. According to investigators, this was not an isolated case. Five weapons were reported missing from luggage at Sea-Tac International Airport, Washington in three years. Moreover, a police official from the Seattle Port also admitted that he had been aware of “weapons that have been declared and have ended up missing when the bag gets to its destination.” So far, *KIRO* investigators have tracked at least 34 handguns presumed stolen, including guns missing from LAX in Los Angeles, Portland, Tampa, San Antonio, and Chicago O’Hare. Oakland, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and Washington D.C. Dulles and Ronald Reagan airports reported thieves stealing handguns in secure areas of the airport as well. Although federal regulations call for passengers to lock the cases containing their guns before flying, investigators found that TSA employees asked gun owners to leave one side of their case unlocked, so they could slide some paperwork inside. After being informed of the *KIRO* investigators’ findings, national security experts became alarmed and concerned that terrorists might gain access to stolen weapons inside secure areas. Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/airports/13986486/detail.html>
14. *October 25, ABC News* – (National) **As skies grow crowded, FAA preps air traffic control.** With U.S. flights projected to double in the next 20 years, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is planning to replace the nation’s radar-powered air-traffic-control network with one that relies on Global Positioning System (GPS) and advanced avionics. The new system, dubbed NextGen, will cost between \$15 and \$22 billion. However, some argue the planned upgrade ignores the core issues facing air traffic control, or ATC, and a debate continues over who should pay for the new system. Some of the current problems

involve rush-hour backups in the sky, especially at intersections. When a route or hub closes because of weather, delays often reverberate through the rest of the system. NextGen's biggest component of the planned system is a satellite-based network known as Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B). ADS-B uses a GPS signal to determine an aircraft's position in the sky and transmit this information once per second to other aircraft, and to a national network of ground stations that relay it to air traffic control. ITT, the manufacturer, will roll ADS-B out in phases, beginning next year in Louisville, Kentucky; Juneau, Alaska; Philadelphia; and oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. UPS already uses ADS-B to track its planes on the tarmac at its Louisville, Kentucky hub and is presently awaiting FAA certification of a more advanced ADS-B system, SafeRoute. It would be the first large-scale commercial deployment of a NextGen system to manage planes in flight. However, some believe that NextGen is not a solution for the nation's skies. "Ultimately, the issue is airport and runway capacity, and doesn't have much to do with what's going on in the air," said the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. In the meantime, the FAA is moving forward with its plans for ADS-B, and recently proposed that all aircraft be ADS-B-ready no later than 2020.

Source: <http://www.abcnews.go.com/Technology/Story?id=3775765&page=1>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *October 26, U.S. Postal Service* – (California) **U.S. Postal Service says mail delivery returns to normal today.** The San Diego District Manager has said that as of October 26, almost all residents and businesses in San Diego County will receive mail delivery either from their letter carrier, Post Office Box, or at temporary Post Offices established for evacuated communities. For the next few days, volume is expected to be heavy. Mail to homes or businesses that have been damaged will be held at the local post office for pick up.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/10-26-2007/0004691115&EDATE=>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *October 25, Reuters* – (California) **Government offers disaster food stamps in California.** The Bush administration will issue disaster food stamps to roughly 62,000 residents of San Diego County, California affected by wildfires, the acting Agriculture secretary said Thursday. The stamps will provide one month's benefits. Eligibility and paperwork requirements are minimized to speed up service. The San Diego County program will run until November 19. People who are ordinarily ineligible for food stamps may qualify for disaster food stamps if they spent money protecting, evacuating or repairing their homes or if they lost food or income because of the fire. Those already receiving food stamps may receive added benefits if they suffered fire related expenses.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN2525969020071025>

17. *October 25, The Kansas City Star* – (Kansas) **Thousands would face food, water shortages in flu outbreak, report says.** According to a new report by the Kansas City Auditor’s Office, tens of thousands of Kansas residents could face critical food and water shortages in a pandemic flu outbreak because they are “too poor to stockpile supplies for a flu crisis.” Public-health guidelines say families should have a two-week supply of food and water for an emergency. In Kansas City, the report estimates, between 10 percent and 15 percent of families now have a three-day supply of food and water. However, more than 80,000 Jackson County residents live in poverty and may not be able to stockpile essential supplies, the study said. Also, the report found, almost every child in Kansas City ate a free or reduced-price school lunch — food that would not be available if schools close in a flu pandemic. The director of the Kansas City Health Department said that people will not be able to rely on the government if pandemic flu does strike.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/115/story/333755.html>

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *October 26, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **USA: Dollar Tree recalls children’s jewelry due to risk of lead exposure.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced the voluntary recall of 198,000 units of Beary Cute, Expressions, and Sassy & Chic Children’s Metal Jewelry imported by Greenbrier International Inc, of Chesapeake, Virginia, because they contain high levels of lead. The jewelry was made in China and sold at Dollar Tree, Dollar Bill\$, Dollar Express, Greenbacks and Only \$1 stores nationwide from December 2005 through July 2007.
Source: http://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/fashion-news/newsdetails.aspx?news_id=43189
19. *October 26, Reuters* – (National) **US recalls more China-made products for lead in paint.** Mattel’s Fisher-Price division is recalling an additional 38,000 “Go Diego Go!” toys, as a part of a larger recall of 665,000 lead-contaminated children’s products. The Go Diego Go! Animal Rescue Boats were manufactured in China and imported by Fisher-Price. The surface paint on the boats contains excessive levels of lead. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has also announced recalls of 627,000 other Chinese-made toys from various manufacturers that are contaminated with lead. The other toys include football bobble-head cake decorations, Halloween pails, Shrek the Third and Spiderman 3 flashing rings, children’s jewelry and toy gardening tools.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSN25614478>
20. *October 26, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **State fines 9 hospitals for infractions.** State health officials imposed the maximum \$25,000 fine on nine California hospitals Thursday for infractions that “put patients at imminent risk of injury or death.” The

penalties will bring hospitals in line with nursing homes and health plans, which already have been subject to fines. Hospital industry representatives had managed to resist fines until last year's legislative session, but their opposition was undermined by a series of recent transplant fiascoes and by the long history of lapses at King-Harbor, the Los Angeles County-owned hospital that closed its emergency room and in-patient beds in August after failing a string of federal inspections and losing federal funding. "The new law is intended to give state regulators more teeth," said the deputy director of the Center for Healthcare Quality at the California Department of Public Health.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-king26oct26,1,4518652.story?coll=la-headlines-health&track=crosspromo>

Government Facilities Sector

21. *October 26, WNBC New York* – (New York) **Explosive device detonates at Mexican Consulate.** Early Friday morning, two explosive devices were thrown at the Mexican Consulate in New York City. One of them detonated and smashed several windows, but caused no injuries. The police commissioner said that two "dummy grenades" were found near the building. He also said that the incident is similar to the explosions in front of the British Consulate in May 2005. Police are investigating if the two cases are related.
Source: <http://www.wnbc.com/news/14431161/detail.html>
22. *October 25, The Associated Press* – (Kansas) **US student brings homemade bomb to school in backpack.** According to authorities, a 13-year-old Kansas middle school student carried a homemade bomb in his backpack for two weeks before anyone noticed. Another student found the bomb and showed it to his father, who took it to school administrators. The student had not threatened anyone and the police bomb squad disposed of the device. No charges have been filed and the boy's motive is unknown.
Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/10/25/america/NA-GEN-US-School-Bomb.php>
23. *October 25, The Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Fake money probe raises concerns at Katy school.** Approximately \$1,300 in counterfeit money was recovered in an investigation into counterfeiting, guns and drugs at a Texas high school. Last week, a pistol and marijuana were found hidden in a locker, at the same school. Previously, equipment and property used to make the fake money was seized from a nearby home. Four students are being questioned and the investigators expect the probe to be over soon. In light of the weapon and drugs found at the school, district officials are reviewing their security procedures.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/5244741.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *October 26, EMSResponder.com* – (California) **Dozens of firefighters, others injured in**

fires. At least 52 firefighters and about 30 other people have been injured during this week's intense southern California wildfires. In addition, at least three people have been killed by flames, while seven others died of causes related to the evacuations. The three, who were burned, had all been urged to evacuate. An additional four burned bodies were discovered by Border Patrol agents, but it was not immediately clear whether those deaths were related to the wildfires. Despite this news, matters appeared to be improving Thursday as calmer winds and cooler temperatures prevailed, and mandatory evacuation orders were lifted for most residential areas of San Diego. San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders said an evacuation center at Qualcomm Stadium, which had housed as many as 10,000 people, would be closed at noon on Friday.

Source: [http://www.emsresponder.com/web/online/Top-EMS-News/This-Week-in-EMS--A-Recap-for-October-20-26--2007/1\\$6441](http://www.emsresponder.com/web/online/Top-EMS-News/This-Week-in-EMS--A-Recap-for-October-20-26--2007/1$6441)

25. *October 26, TruckingInfo.com* – (National) **J. J. Keller updating Emergency Response Guidebook.** The long-awaited arrival of the 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook, the emergency preparedness guide that helps transporters, police, fire personnel and other emergency responders quickly identify the hazards of materials involved in an incident, will be published soon. The 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook replaces the 2004 edition with the latest emergency response guidelines needed for emergency planning. The Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has not issued a formal list of changes, however, a number of changes are anticipated. These anticipated changes are available at www.jjkeller.com/ergnews. The 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook is available in a variety of formats and can be reserved now to ensure priority processing as soon as it is available for shipment.
- Source: http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=59152

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Information Technology

26. *October 26, Computerworld* – (National) **Microsoft now takes blame for WSUS update error.** After initially denying reports that it had updated enterprise customer's PCs with the Windows XP desktop search tool without administrator approval, Microsoft Corp. admitted its mistake. Late Thursday night, a program manager on the WSUS (Windows Server Update Services) team, said the update for Windows Desktop Search (WDS) had, in fact, been installed on some machines without administrator approval, and offered an apology. On a company blog, she said that Microsoft revised and released a WDS update package Tuesday aimed at machines running Windows XP or Windows Server 2003 that did not have the desktop search tool installed. The update was supposed to be optional. "Unfortunately, in revising this update, the decision to reuse the same update package had unintended consequences to our WSUS customers," she said. This meant some computers automatically received the update. Early on Thursday, reports from enterprise users running WSUS -- the Microsoft software that manages updates and patches to Windows client machines -- began hitting support forums claiming that WDS was installing without permission. According to some administrators, the first hint they had of the unexpected installs came from users complaining of slow machines. Others reported the same symptoms, generated by the disk- and processor-intensive initial indexing of the files on

the PC.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9044239&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

27. *October 26, IDG News Service* – (National) **Scammers sentenced for Microsoft software scheme.** Four people have been sentenced to prison and fined tens of millions of dollars for buying discounted Microsoft Corp. software and then illegally reselling it at a profit. Two of the convicted, husband-and-wife owners of Samtech Research, were sentenced Wednesday to five years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$25 million in fines to Microsoft for their role in a software reselling scheme they ran between 1997 and 2001. Together with two associates they purchased more than \$29 million worth of software at Microsoft's academic-discount rates and then resold it to nonacademic entities, making more than \$5 million in profits. The couple had already been kicked out of Microsoft's Authorized Education Reseller (AER) program, but they "formed new corporations ... to disguise their identity from Microsoft and re-enter the AER program," the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement yesterday. They laundered their profits by purchasing real estate in their son's name and by wiring more than \$300,000 to Pakistan, the DOJ said. The couple's associates were also sentenced in connection with the case. The scam was exposed during a two-year undercover investigation called Operation Cyberstorm, which was conducted by the F.B.I. and the Internal Revenue Service.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9044219&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

28. *October 26, p2pnet news* – (International) **Facebook wants Canadian 'hacker' names.** Facebook is after Canadian 'John Doe' hackers it says "may have stolen personal information" from members. And it wants ISPs Rogers Communications Inc. and Look Communications to hand over details. "Court documents allege the hackers may have swiped personal information about Facebook members, including user names, passwords and e-mail addresses," says the *Financial Post*, going on: "It is not clear how many Facebook customers were affected or where the hackers live." Rogers and Look both turned down Facebook's demand saying they'd only make the data available if a court ordered them to do so. Facebook is poised to oblige. "All other methods of obtaining the

evidence and documents have been exhausted,” Facebook said in its application, quoted in the story. “The evidence and documentation of [Rogers and Look] is required so that justice may be done between the parties in the [U.S.] action.” The alleged incidents occurred between June 1 and June 15, “with the hackers improperly gaining access to Facebook’s private data system more than 200,000 times during that period, the lawsuit says,” states the Financial Post.

Source: <http://www.p2pnet.net/story/13797>

29. *October 25, Government Executive* – (National) **Workforce issues complicate planning for cyberattacks.** The Homeland Security Department has yet to develop a comprehensive plan for how companies would recover from cyberattacks disrupting the Internet, in part because the department has not been able to find and keep highly trained cybersecurity experts, according to a top information technology auditor at the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In 2006, DHS developed a plan for how businesses and the government could recover from a cyberattack that disrupted the Internet. In that plan, DHS laid out the response that would be coordinated by the National Communications System, which would be responsible for the hardware and security infrastructure. The National Cyber Security Division would be responsible for maintaining the integrity of the software applications and information under attack. Still, “there is no public-private plan for recovery and there is no date by which such a plan must exist,” testified GAO’s director of information technology at a Tuesday hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives. Companies and individuals worldwide lose about \$14 billion through the Internet because of malicious code attacks, but the Internet has yet to suffer a catastrophic failure, he said.

Source: http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=38377&dcn=todaysnews

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *October 26, Indy Star* – (Indiana) **Storm-struck businesses ponder future.** A number of businesses in Napanee, Indiana are uncertain whether they will rebuild after an October 18 tornado that did an estimated \$10 million in damage. The tornado damaged nearly 200 homes and 53 businesses. Police said five people suffered minor injuries.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071026/LOCAL/710260492>

31. *October 25, Local 6, Orlando, Florida* – (Florida) **Explosives may be planted somewhere in central Florida.** Investigators say that a group believed to be responsible for making and planting potentially deadly homemade bombs on Disney property and near a busy road may have placed other explosives around Central Florida. An investigation was launched in July after sheriff’s deputies responded to a pipe bomb explosion in a Downtown Disney trash bin. Orange County’s sheriff said that police have determined that that device and another bomb, found on the side of Highway 417 and International Drive Wednesday, were planted by the same people, adding that there may be more unfound devices in the area. Officers said a 21-year-old man was arrested in connection

with Wednesday's discovery and three or four more people will likely be taken into custody this week. There were no injuries in connection with the discovery of the devices. Source: <http://www.local6.com/news/14425851/detail.html>

32. *October 25, Courier News* – (New Jersey) **Hillsboro: Businesses reopen after route 206 gas main break.** Several Hillsboro businesses were evacuated on Thursday afternoon in New Jersey when a 2-inch gas main accidentally broke. Some remained closed for the rest of the day, while others were allowed to return by about 2:30 p.m. when the main was fixed, police said. No injuries were reported. Source: <http://www.c-n.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071025/FRONT01/71025048>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

33. *October 24, OC Register* – (California) **Santiago fire thrives in rugged area.** The Santiago fire in Southern California has shifted into the Cleveland National Forest. According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the difficulty in containing the fire “has absolutely to do with the topography and nature along with the changing wind patterns...it’s very difficult to get into many areas” of the rugged Cleveland National Forest. The winds have been low (8 – 14 miles per hour) but erratic, and the forest provides plenty of fuel for the fire. The U.S. Forest Service, the Orange County Fire Authority, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and Cal Fire are working together against the fire. For more information, please visit: www.inciweb.org. Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/fire-flames-county-1903818-wednesday-concepcion>

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Dams Sector

34. *October 26, WTVF 5, Nashville, Tennessee* – (Tennessee) **Citizens concerned about aging dam’s flood maps.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not published the flood maps of the aging Center Hill Dam in Tennessee, due to homeland security concerns. However, Wilson County Emergency Management presented these maps at a county commission and authorities are working on a plan to deal with a dam breach. Similar problems with the flood maps of the Wolf Creek Dam in Kentucky also occurred. Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/Global/story.asp?S=7269392>
35. *October 25, KING 5, Seattle, Washington* – (Washington) **Report: Flood could cripple King County economy.** An independent report investigated the effect of a significant flood in King County, Washington and found that most of the highest paid jobs in manufacturing, aviation, and other fields were located in the flood plain. The flood plain is protected by an aging levee system, which is no longer recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as protection from a catastrophic flood event. County leaders recognize this and have put levee repair projects on the fast track.

Source:

http://www.king5.com/business/stories/NW_102507WAB_flood_concerns_KS.1a783795e.html

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